

NOTHING CAN AVERT STRIKE FRIDAY SAY LABOR HEADS

ULTIMATUM IS ISSUED TO WILSON

STAGE IS SET FOR GREATEST INDUSTRIAL STRUGGLE IN AMERICA'S HISTORY—GOVERNMENT TAKING STEPS TO SEE THAT COAL PRODUCTION IS CONTINUED—WILL USE TROOPS IF NECESSARY.

(By United Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 30.—The stage was set today for what may prove the most far reaching industrial battle in America's history. The curtain will rise midnight tomorrow. At that time orders calling three hundred fifty thousand bituminous coal miners to strike will become effective.

The preliminaries were finished today. All hope that the strike order might be recalled by last minute action faded today as the Union chiefs departed for their homes after drafting the reply to President Wilson's appeal. They returned to their local posts to direct their forces.

"The strike is inevitable," was their verdict.

Government Is Prepared.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The initiative in saving the country from the industrial, commercial and economic crisis expected to follow the threatened coal mine strike today passed from the miners to the operators and the government.

An extraordinary session of the cabinet met today to complete plans for government action in connection with the strike. Meeting with the cabinet were fuel director Garfield and railroad director Hines.

Federal troops will be used to protect miners ignoring the strike order. It has been decided central states coal operators are expected to call conference in Chicago or Cleveland to make final plans for meeting the strike.

Director Hines of the railroads, today issued orders which, in effect, give the railroads administration control over all soft coal now in transit. Mr. Hines at the same time, made public a priority list which will determine the order in which railroads and home industries will be given available coal. The list is similar to the preferential allotments in effect during the war.

Following the cabinet meeting, attorney General Palmer in a statement said that President Wilson will be asked to issue an order cancelling restrictions on the price of fuel. This action will establish a maximum price. The fuel administrator will be empowered to take action if necessary to protect consumers both as to price and distribution.

(By United Press.)

Colorado Mobilize Guard.
DENVER, Colorado, Oct. 30.—The National Guard, on orders from governor Shoup, mobilized today for duty during the coal strike. The troops number about one thousand. They will be used to protect miners continuing at work.

Armed Force In Arkansas.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 30.—Armed force will be used to prevent mine strike in Arkansas, Governor Brough of Arkansas declared in a speech here today. "Armed force must be used if necessary to bring about peace between capital and labor," Governor Brough said. "There must be no coal strike in Arkansas."

MINERS MAKE ANSWER TO PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

(By United Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 30.—

The text of the Miners' answer to President Wilson's recent statement was issued here after an all day conference yesterday. The statement follows:

"The conference of United Mine Workers, composed of members of the International executive board, the scale committee of the central competitive district, and the district presidents, United Mine Workers of America, gave most profound consideration to the statement of the president of the United States, which appeared in the public press recently, relative to the impending strike of bituminous miners set for November 1. No communication was received by the international officers of the United Mine Workers of America from either the president or any representative of the federal government.

"A canvass of the entire situation shows that a strike of bituminous miners cannot be avoided. A regularly constituted convention of representatives of United Mine Workers held at Cleveland, O., on September 25, ordered a strike of bituminous mine workers to become effective November 1 in the event a wage scale was not negotiated before that time. The highest authority of the organization has acted in this manner, and no representatives of the organization have authority to set such action aside. The facts are that the same supreme authority which ordered the pending strike is the same as that which approved the contract which has now expired.

"The responsibility for the strike rests with the coal operators. They have refused to negotiate a wage agreement, notwithstanding the fact the mine workers' representatives have urged and beseeched them to do so. The fundamental causes which prompted the mine workers to take this drastic action are deep-seated. For two years their wages have remained stationary. They appealed one year ago to the federal fuel administrator, Dr. Garfield, and from him to the president of the United States, for an increase in wages sufficient to meet the increase in the cost of the necessities of life. Their appeal was rejected and their request refused. Notwithstanding this they continued mining coal until now their contract expires, when they are determined that their grievances must be adjusted in a reasonably satisfactory manner.

"The courts have held that the workmen have a right to strike and may quit work either singly or collectively for the purpose of redressing grievances and righting wrongs. The constitution and guarantees of this free government give men the right to work or quit work individually or collectively.

"Are But Exercising Right."

"The mine workers therefore are but exercising the right guaranteed by the constitution and which cannot be taken away by the representatives of government when they quit work or when they refuse to work until their grievances are adjusted. The mine workers' representatives are ready, willing and anxious to meet the coal operators for the purpose of negotiating an agreement and bringing about a settlement of the present unhappy situation. They will respond at any time to call for such a meeting and will honestly endeavor to work out a wage agreement upon a fair and equitable basis, which agreement alone will put the mines in operation and guarantee the nation an adequate supply of coal. We assert that the mine workers have no other purpose in view—other than to secure a working wage agreement. All of their demands are incorporated in the wage proposals submitted to the coal operators, and each and all are subject to negotiation.

"Conscious of the grave responsibility resting upon the representatives of the coal miners we have no other alternative than to carry out the instructions of the United Mine Workers convention. The issue has been made, and if it must be settled upon the field of industrial battle, the responsibility rests fairly and squarely upon the coal barons alone."

MUZZLE THE DOGS.

Many Cases of Rabies Prevented in the State Now.

A great many cases of rabies have been reported during the past month and the disease seems to be spreading so much that Dr. A. L. Shealy, veterinarian, state college of agriculture, wishes to impress upon the people of the state the necessity of taking means to stop this trouble. England has been free from rabies since 1903, due entirely to the fact that strict laws were made and enforced compelling the muzzling of dogs. This shows that rabies can be controlled if properly dealt with. To free the state of this disease it is necessary to muzzle all dogs, young and old, large and small, pets and outcasts.

OCALA STOCK YARD OPENS.

OCALA, Oct. 30.—With the opening here yesterday of the Ocala stockyards on the outskirts of the city, another big step forward in the live stock industry of Marion county, and of the state, was made. The yards have been established by Z. C. Chambliss Company, of Ocala, for the purpose of providing a market for the hogs of this section of the state. Purchases will be made of hogs in any number, the idea being to provide a market for the farmer who has only a few hogs, and is unable to ship in carlots to the packing houses.

STRIKE IN KEY WEST.

Sends Couches to Miami With Their Dirty Linen.

KEY WEST, Oct. 30.—"Biled sirts" would be rare in Key West these days, except for close proximity to the Magic City, where the greater part of this city's laundry work is now being done, on account of labor trouble in the local steam laundries.

The Columbia Steam Laundry, the principal plant in this city, is closed down indefinitely, though not permanently, because, the management states, it is impossible to operate profitably and meet the demands of the striking employees.

The hotels, the ships at this port, and the people in general are very much annoyed and greatly inconvenienced by the conditions as they exist, and repeated and urgent requests have been made for relief.

In response to these appeals, Secretary Charles W. Chase, of the chamber of commerce, arranged for a conference of the laundry operators and employees Saturday afternoon. The employers are willing to negotiate, but the representatives of the employees stated that they had rather confer with the mediators and employers at the headquarters of the laundry workers' union. A meeting will be arranged according to their wishes, it is understood, and it is hoped that in some way or under some conditions the situation may be relieved.

EARMAN USES NO FRILLS REPORTING LEPER CONFERENCE

TALKS RIGHT OUT AND MIXES POLITICS, BUT MAKES INTERESTING STORY OF FLORIDA DELEGATION'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

In yesterday's issue of the Palm Beach Post, President Joe Earman of the State Board of Health, who is also President of the Post Publishing Company, wrote his impressions of the recent hearing in Washington before Surgeon General Blue in protest over the location of a proposed leprosyarium in the State.

Mr. Earman wrote the report in a personal vein, injecting his own views and opinions, but it was to the point, if not altogether logical. After naming the personnel of the conference he gave the details of the conference, in part, as follows:

"Hon. T. R. Hodges, former Shell Fish Commissioner of Florida came very near SPILLING THE BEANS. He exhibited anger and the fact was THEN brought out that his brother, W. R. Hodges, fish and oyster dealer at Cedar Key, and ONE OTHER individual, owned TWO-THIRDS of Cedar Key. His talk also developed that he was financially interested in Cedar Key and that he had recently built a home there, which he stated would not be of value if the leprosyarium were established on the three keys.

"He also stated that these keys were within three miles of Cedar Key, and from his personal knowledge, notwithstanding the Government topographical survey, that at low tide the depth of water between Cedar Key and these three keys or small islands would not exceed five feet, and the average man could wade ashore.

"He further stated that he was born and raised at Cedar Key and knew more about the waters in that section than any other living man. He referred to Doctor J. W. Turner, United States Public Health Quarantine Officer at Cedar Key, and who is at this time State Senator in the Florida Senate from Levy county, as a liar of colossal magnitude.

"This charge was resented by Surgeon-General Blue, also by others in the conference. Dr. Turner was fifteen hundred miles away and had no opportunity to resent or defend himself.

"Further than this Senator Trammell and Representative Frank Clark told Mr. Hodges in a private conversation preceding the conference to keep his temper sweet, which he did not do.

"Several members of the Florida delegation, including myself, were favorable to excluding him from further participation in this conference.

"As information for the Surgeon-General there 'AINT' going to be any blood SPILT.

Hon. J. Azakiah Williams, Shell Fish Commissioner of Florida, READ his speech.

Azakiah is SMART all right, but no one wants to hear a prepared speech read.

ALL PREACHERS WILL PLEASE TAKE A TIP.

I saw that Surgeon-General Blue had his thoughts FAR OFF while Azakiah was reading, and therefore suggested that he read the last page, which was HIS PERORATION, and file his speech with the Surgeon-General, who would PROBABLY read it at his leisure.

"Senators Fletcher and Trammell endorsed the protest of their delegation and departed for the Senate, which convened at twelve o'clock.

"Congressman Frank Clark remained at this conference while in

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RESCUERS FIGHT TO SAVE MINERS IN BURNING MINE

NINETEEN MEN IMPRISONED NEAR AMSTERDAM, OHIO, WITH SMALL CHANCE OF BEING RESCUED—EXPLOSION IS FEARED.

(By United Press.)

AMSTERDAM, Ohio, Oct. 30.—Hope of rescuing 19 miners imprisoned in the burning mine were practically abandoned at noon when a cave in occurred at the spot where the men are believed to be.

(By United Press)

AMSTERDAM, Ohio, Oct. 30.—Hundreds of miners and mine rescue experts were fighting against time here early today in efforts to rescue nineteen men imprisoned in a burning mine near here.

Mine experts discovered that a huge pocket of gas had formed in the mine near the burning shaft. If fire reaches this pocket an explosion will follow. Last reports indicated the rescuers were about fifty feet from the imprisoned men.

ELLA WHEELER
WILCOX DEAD.

(By United Press.)
SHORTBEACH, Conn., Oct. 30.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the author-poet, died today at her home here. She has been ill several weeks, following a nervous breakdown suffered in England.

RED CROSS SEAL SEVENTEEN.
Insignia On Stamps Was Originated Seventeen Years Ago This Month.

It will be of great interest to the readers and Floridians generally to know that the double barred Red Cross is seventeen years old this month. In October, 1902, the International Anti-Tuberculosis Association, then meeting in Berlin, adopted the cross as the emblem of the worldwide fight against tuberculosis. It was proposed by Dr. G. Sersiron, of Paris. It is a combination of the Greek letter epsilon and the cross of the Greek Catholic church. Both crosses are symbolic of charity and aid to humanity. Their combined features were selected and adopted as the symbol of the hope of civilization. Four years later, in 1906, the double barred Red Cross was carried into this country. It was in 1906, the National Tuberculosis Association was formed, and for the three intervening years the cross has been carried over the United States by the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated bodies, which now number one thousand.

The work of these organizations is financed chiefly by the Red Cross Christmas Seal sale.

STRIKE AT MERRILL STEVENS.

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 30.—The question, shall an operating engineer of an electrical worker man the lone electrical crane in the big ship-building yards of the Merrill-Stevens Company, South Jacksonville? is the bone of contention that has resulted in the laying off of 1,500 men, and the stoppage of a weekly payroll of \$50,000. In a word, 1,500 working men in this city, and South Jacksonville are idle, and have been since Friday night, when the engineers struck simply because of a dispute in the ranks of two locals employed at these giant yards, over the position of a single man.

GERMANY TO GUARANTEE TO KEEP TREATY

SUPREME COUNCIL ALSO DECIDES THAT SHE MUST PAY FOR INTERNED VESSELS SUNK IN SCAPA-FLOW PROTOCOL WILL BE ATTACHED TO TREATY.

(By United Press.)

PARIS, Oct. 30.—The Supreme Council decided today to force Germany to sign a protocol guaranteeing she will carry out the terms of the armistice. This will be attached to the original treaty. The Council also asked the inter-allied naval experts to prepare a plan by which Germany shall reimburse the allies for sinking the interned German fleet at Scapaflow.

AUTOMOBILE CAMPING PLACE SOON BE READY

Every
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COMMITTEE HAVING SITE
CLEANED UP FOR VISITORS

Water and Shade Already Adequate
—Cutting of Weeds Begins
Monday

Palatka's free automobile camp will be ready for all visitors next week, according to Chairman Walter Tilghman, of the committee from the Business Men's Association having the preparation of the site in charge. The camp is located in Melholland park in one of the most beautiful sections, has running water and plenty of shade. It has been pronounced by those who have seen it, as an ideal spot.

The committee plans to have large canvas signs made to stretch across Lemon street advising automobile tourists that there is a free camp site with all conveniences here, and directing them how to get to it. Signs will also be placed on the Hastings road.

It has been noticeable in the last few days that a large number of cars from the north are coming into Palatka by way of Green Cove Springs. Some of these, would no doubt, like to stop over in Palatka for the night. What this would mean is obvious. They would go around the town and are certain to be impressed.

With the State soon to be crowded to overflowing, so far housing conditions are concerned, auto camp sites will be much in demand, and the cities that provide them will reap the rewards.

MIAMI ELECTS DEMOCRATS

Eighty-Nine Women Voted In the Municipal Election.

MIAMI, Oct. 30.—(Special)—The entire Democratic ticket was elected at the regular municipal election here today, the following officials being chosen: mayor, William P. Smith; municipal judge, T. E. Price; city clerk, W. B. Moore; members city council, H. B. Chase and R. W. McLendon for four years and E. L. Brady, J. F. Chaille and B. R. Hunter for two years; chief of police, R. M. Dillon and city tax assessor, C. K. Cring. By a vote of 229 to 126 the voters ratified the franchise granted to the Miami Beach Electric Company to use the city streets in operating. Electric cars between Miami and Miami Beach Of the 429 votes cast during the day eighty-nine were cast by women.